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# THE REORGANIZATION OF THE DORYLOCERUS COMPLEX BY THE

# USE OF NUMERICAL ANALYSIS WITH SOME NEW

# DISTRIBUTION RECORDS AND NEW DATA ON THEIR

# BEHAVIOR (COLEOPTERA, STAPHYLINIDAE)<sup>1</sup>

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### ABSTRACT

The Dorylocerus complex is herewith reorganized and the generic name Dorylopora synonymized. A new key to the genera of the Dorylocerus complex is provided with the newly included Dorylobius Raffray. The genus Draconula is redescribed and a new species D. decellei (Zaire) included. A new species, Dorylocerus carinata (Zambia), is described. The species groups of Dorylocerus are reorganized following results of numerical analyses. The food habits and social biology of the Dorylocerus is reviewed and evolutionary trends are discussed.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The tribe Deremini is 1 of the most difficult tribes of the Aleocharinae. All of the species are small and it has been difficult to establish generic limits and definitions within the various groups. The first revisions of parts of the tribe (Kistner 1966, 1968a) which were the first revisions ever attempted, cut out what were thought to be the most distinctive and closely related genera and combined them into what was then called the <u>Dorylopora complex</u>. This complex contained the genera <u>Dorylopora Wasmann</u>, <u>Dorylocerus Wasmann</u>, <u>Rodylopora Kistner</u>, <u>Draconula Kistner</u>, and <u>Fossulopora Kistner</u>. In order to be included in the <u>Dorylopora</u> complex, species needed to have longitudinal grooves or furrows in the head, pronotum, and elytra collectively. That arrangement of the species in the genera is shown in Table 1.

Since those revisions, numerous new specimens of the complex have been

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Species number	Species	Species group (if defined)
1	Dorylopora costata Wasmann	costata
2	Dorylopora fletcheri Kistner	
3	Dorylopora pseudocostata Kistner	
4	Dorylopora afer Kistner	kohli
5	Dorylopora kohli Wasmann	
6	Dorylopora morio Kistner	
7	Dorylopora nigra Kistner	
8	Dorylopora abdominalis Cameron	abdominalis
9	Dorylopora carlislei Kistner	
10	Dorylopora congolensis Kistner	congolensis
11	Dorylopora ivoiriensis Kistner	
12	Dorylopora excisicollis Cameron	excisicollis
13	Dorylopora solea Kistner	
14	Dorylopora alzadae Kistner	alzadae
15	Dorylopora kalongeana Kistner	
16	Dorylopora minor Eichelbaum	
17	Dorylocerus fossulatus Wasmann	
18	Rodylopora attenuata Kistner	
19	Fossulopora camerounicus Kistner	
20	Fossulopora congoensis Kistner	
21	Fossulopora orientalis Kistner	
22	Draconula minuta Kistner	

Table 1. Organization of the Dorylopora Complex (after Kistner)

collected including 2 new species, 1 in the genus Draconula and another in the genus Dorylocerus. The new species in Dorylocerus proved to have a campanulate pronotum which knocked out the most important character which formerly separated the genera Dorylocerus and Dorylopora. It was therefore decided to reexamine the relationships of all the species using numerical methods. The purpose of this paper then is to present the results of these analyses, to redescribe the genus Dorylocerus and synonymize the genus Dorylopora, to redescribe the genus Draconula (made necessary by the inclusion of a new species), and to redefine some of the species groups.

Since the last revision another genus, Dorylobius Raffray has been shown to be a member of this complex and while there is not sufficient material to dissect specimens for the numerical analyses, it will be included in the new generic key and illustrated.

# METHODS AND MATERIALS

A. Characters. The species characters chosen for the numerical analysis were all checked against the specimens and the published descriptions. The list of 63 characters given in Table 2 was developed according to the general plan outlined by Sokal and Sneath (1963). Characters were chosen which could be scored as either present (1), absent (0), or no comparison (3).

In many instances, a character was coded easily where a structure was present in some species and absent in others. But where a structure was present in all 24 species, a character could be developed around the structure by further defining it qualitatively. Character 6, 'head with a well-defined longitudinal median groove, " is an example of this. The presence of this groove in the head is 1 of the diagnostic characteristics of the complex, and yet we find

Table 2. The basic set of sixty-three characters used to compare the species of the Dorylocerus complex.

- 1. Dorsal surface of head, pronotum, and elytra punctate
- 2. Dorsal surface of head, pronotum, and elytra with yellow setae
- 3. Dorsal surface of head, pronotum, and elytra with tubercles
- 4. Head length and width about equal
- 5. Head with a well-defined longitudinal median groove
- 6. Head with 2 lateral grooves
- 7. Anterior border of vertex delineated by a carina
- 8. Head with 2 raised longitudinal carinas
- 9. Head with 4 raised longitudinal carinas
- 10. Head with 2 posteriorly directed projections
- 11. Neck well-defined.
- 12. Pronotum length less than 0.32 mm
- 13. Pronotum length greater than 0.32 mm but less than 0.42 mm
- 14. Pronotum length greater than 0.42 mm
- 15. Pronotum campanulate
- 16. Pronotum subquadrate
- 17. Lateral borders of pronotum notched or indented
- 18. Pronotum with a longitudinal median groove
- 19. Pronotum with lateral grooves
- 20. Pronotum with carina(s)
- 21. Pronotum with many chitinous projections
- 22. Prosternum with a well-developed median carina
- 23. Mesosternum shorter than metasternum
- 24. Intercoxal process of mesosternum carinate
- 25. Elytra length less than 0.27 mm
- 26. Elytra length greater than 0.27 mm but less than 0.35 mm
- 27. Elytra length greater than 0.35 mm
- 28. Elytra with well-defined medial ridges and with a depressed region between them
- 29. Elytra with well-defined lateral ridges and with a depressed region between them
- 30. Elytra with 3 ridges each
- 31. Abdominal spiracles greatly enlarged
- 32. Posterior border of abdominal tergite II notched
- 33. Posterior border of abdominal tergite III notched
- 34. Posterior border of abdominal tergite IV notched
- **35.** Posterior border of abdominal tergite V notched
- 36. Posterior border of abdominal tergite VI notched
- 37. Posterior border of abdominal tergite III indented but not notched
- 38. Posterior border of abdominal tergite IV indented but not notched
- **39.** Posterior border of abdominal tergite V indented but not notched
- 40. Posterior border of abdominal tergite VI indented but not notched

41. Posterior border of abdominal tergite VII indented but not notched 42. Posterior border of abdominal tergite II with 2 blunt projections 43. Posterior border of abdominal tergite III with 2 blunt projections 44. Posterior border of abdominal tergite IV with 2 blunt projections 45. Posterior border of abdominal tergite V with 2 blunt projections 46. Posterior border of abdominal tergite VI with 2 blunt projections Abdominal tergite II with macrochaetae 47. 48. Abdominal tergite III with macrochaetae

- 49. Abdominal tergite IV with macrochaetae
- 50. Abdominal tergite V with macrochaetae
- 51. Abdominal tergite VI with macrochaetae
- 52. Abdominal tergite VII with macrochaetae
- 53. Sternite III with raised chitinous projections
- 54. Sternite IV with raised chitinous projections
- 55. Sternite V with raised chitinous projections
- 56. Sternite VI with raised chitinous projections
- 57. Sternite VII with raised chitinous projections

- 58. Abdominal tergite II with raised areas
- 59. Abdominal tergite III with raised areas
- 60. Abdominal tergite IV with raised areas
- 61. Abdominal tergite V with raised areas
- 62. Abdominal tergite VI with raised areas
- 63. Abdominal tergite VII with raised areas

that in <u>Dorylocerus minor</u> the groove is quite pronounced, while in the species of Fossulopora the groove is quite shallow. By stipulating that the groove be well-defined, character 6 thus serves to differentiate these species qualitatively, <u>D. minor</u> being scored 1 for this character and the species of <u>Fossulo</u>pora being scored 0.

The pronotum and elytra lengths were examined to determine if these were feasible characters to use, and it was found that the lengths of each were roughly divided into three groups as shown below:

Pronotum	Elytra
pronotum less than 0.32	elytra less than 0.27
pronotum between 0.32 and 0.42	elytra between 0.27 and 0.35
pronotum greater than 0.42	elytra greater than 0.35

To avoid weighting these measurement characters, each species was scored ''3'' for groups not applicable to that species. All measurements in this paper are in mm unless otherwise stated.

In coding the pronotum lengths, 3 species, <u>Dorylocerus kohli</u>, <u>D. fossu-</u> latus, and <u>Rodylopora attenuata</u>, were not in 1 group exclusively and had to be scored "1" in 2 groups. The measurements of <u>D. fossulatus</u> happen to fall exactly on the dividing point. There was no range in this measurement simply because only 1 specimen of the species has ever been found. Four species received a "1" score in 2 measurement groups for elytra length. These were <u>Dorylocerus alzadae</u>, <u>D. kohli</u>, <u>D. pseudocostata</u>, and <u>Rodylopora attenuata</u>. The character coding for each species is given in Table 3.

Kistner (1968b) mentions the use of the beetles' color as a character but notes that this characteristic sometimes does not yield reliable placement of species, probably because of convergence. Because the color differences of these beetles are not clearly distinctive and vary considerably within species, coloration was not used as a character here.

Kistner's revisions of the old Dorylopora complex, include drawings of

parts of the male and female genitalia of most of the species. These show that, while some groupings of species could possibly be made on the basis of these structures, the structures are highly individualistic for the species. Thus they serve to separate species more than to show their similarities. Therefore, the shapes of the genitalia were not used for the numerical analyses.

B. Statistical comparison. The data were read into a CDC 3150 computer along with a program to produce the simple matching coefficients described by Sokal and Michener (1958) which were then used to produce a clustering of the species according to the weighted-pair-group method described by Sokal and Sneath (op. cit.). Copies of this program are available upon request.

C. Other methods. To find out what the beetles had eaten, FAA fixed specimens were imbedded in 63-65°C melting point paraffin and sectioned. These sections were stained using a Hematoxylin-Phloxine-Light Green technique or the Matsuo tetrachrome technique. The same sections provided the

Table 3. Character matrix of 24 species of the <u>Dorylocerus</u> complex. Characters are arranged sequentially from left to right.

0 0 0 40 10 20 50 30 60 

basis for a gland survey.

Observations of behavior were made in the field directly in the ant columns as well as with specimens placed in petri dishes or Wilson ant nests together with their hosts.

#### RESULTS

Half of the original coefficients of association are shown in Table 4, the other half being a mirror-image of what is shown in the table. The degree of affinity of all the species is represented in the phenogram shown in Fig. 1. The abscissa is the magnitude of the coefficient of association and the actual value is given at each branch in the phenogram. The relationships are the same as those determined by traditional means by Kistner, but there are certain exceptions which follow:

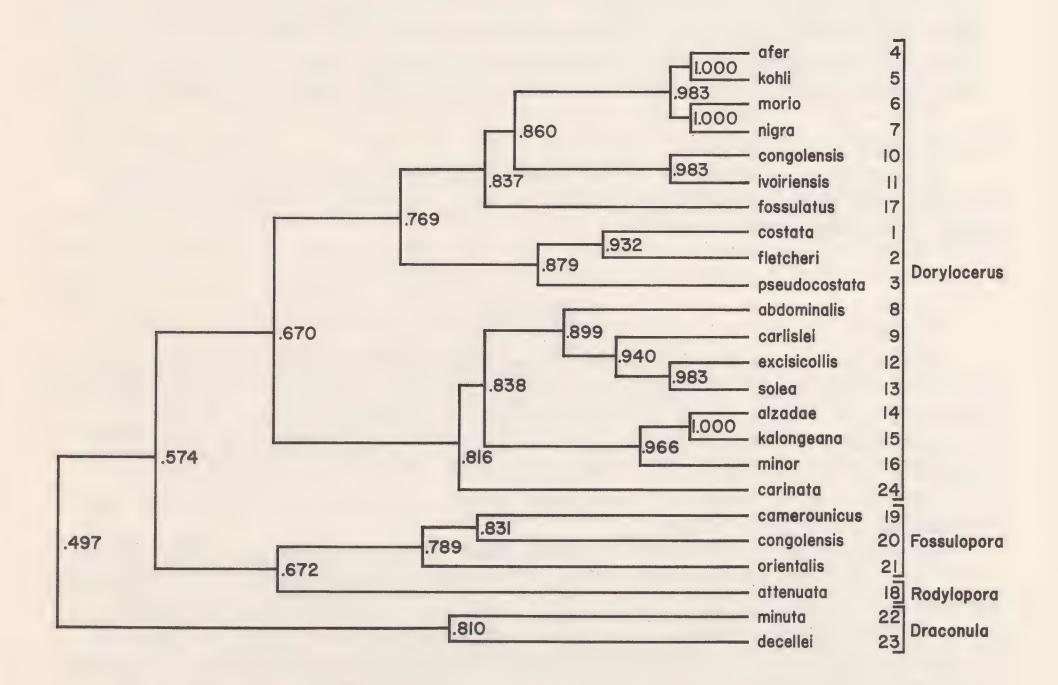
The old genus <u>Dorylopora</u> is synonymous with <u>Dorylocerus</u>. This was obvious to us as soon as the new species <u>D</u>. <u>carinata</u> showed up but it is interesting that the clustering technique put <u>D</u>. <u>fossulatus</u> between the <u>congolensis</u> group and the <u>costata</u> group. The name <u>Dorylocerus</u> has priority by page so all species formerly in the genus <u>Dorylopora</u> are herewith transferred to <u>Dorylocerus</u>. These species are: <u>D</u>. <u>afer</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>kohli</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>morio</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>nigra</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>congolensis</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>ivoiriensis</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>costata</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>fletcheri</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>pseudocostata</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>abdominalis</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>carlislei</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>excisicollis</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>solea</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>alzadae</u>, <u>D</u>. <u>kalon</u>-

geana, and D. minor. The new species of Dorylocerus is distinct and is described below.

Table 4. First matrix of coefficients of relationship for the species of the Dorylocerus complex.

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1	. 932	.897	. 895	. 898	.877	.879	.702	.763	.845	.825	. 746	. 759	. 797	. 789	.831	. 780	. 644	789	. 649	. 661	.579	. 466	. 672
2		.862	. 825	.831	.807	.810	.772	. 763	.776	.754	.746	759	.797	.789	797	712	576	719	684	627	.544	500	.707
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12												. 983	.847										
13																						.561	
14													2	1.000	.966	.644	. 483	.614	.649	. 627	.614	.638	.814
15															.965	. 632	. 475	. 614	.649	.614	.614	.632	.810
16							•									. 644	. 475	.614	.614	. 593	.614	.603	.810
17																	.729	.707	. 603	.576	.431	.345	.552
18											•							.702	.632	.678	.421	.483	. 424
19																			.831	.789	.458	.466	. 491
20																			,	.789	.458	.569	.526
21					,													>			.404	.466	. 534
22																						.810	
23																							. 586

The new species of <u>Draconula</u> is distinct and is described below. Since the second species is sufficiently different from <u>D</u>. <u>minuta</u>, the only previously known species, it changes the generic concept a bit and so <u>Draconula</u> is redescribed below.



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Fig. 1--Phenogram of the genera and species of the Dorylocerus complex.

The abdominalis group of the genus <u>Dorylocerus</u> should be restructured to include the old <u>excisicollis</u> and <u>alzadae</u> groups following the cluster shown in Fig. 1. A key to the new species groups will be included plus a key to all species within each group.

# KEY TO GENERA OF THE DORYLOCERUS COMPLEX

1		Head, pronotum, and elytra all with grooves
		Head, pronotum and elytra not all grooved (1 or 2 may be grooved but
		not all)
2	(1)	Abdominal tergites II-VII without macrochaetae; dorsal surfaces of the
		head, pronotum, and elytra punctate Dorylocerus
		Abdominal tergites II-VII with some macrochaetae; dorsal surfaces of
		the head, pronotum, and elytra shagreened or smooth and shiny 3
3	(2)	
		with chitinous projections; sternites and tergites with raised chitinous
		projections Draconula
		Pronotum not spindle-shaped, never with lateral projections; tergites
A	$\langle 0 \rangle$	only with raised chitinous projections
4	(3)	Pronotum with a median hole; abdominal spiracles normal in size
		Deserver with a modion successful and an inclusion large state and and
		Pronotum with a median groove; abdominal spiracles greatly enlarged
5	$(\Lambda)$	Error orthomoly small located just at base of entennes
9	(4)	
		Eyes of normal size
		Liyes of normal size

# Redescription of the Genus Draconula

Distinguished from all other genera including Rodylopora to which it is most closely related by the unique head and pronotum shape and the unique form of the abdominal macrochaetae.

Head capsule one-fifth to one-half longer than wide, with a short, thick neck. Head with many chitinous projections bearing chaetae, the number and arrangement variable by species. Eyes present, ovoid, placed anteriorly on head. Antennae inserted between eyes. Gula distinct. Mouthparts shaped as in <u>Dorylocerus</u>, with all palpi having a similar complement of segments. Antennae 11-segmented. Pronotum with chitinous projections, the number and arrangement variable by species. Prosternum shaped as in <u>Dorylocerus excisicollis</u> and <u>D</u>. <u>solea</u>, with well-defined carina longitudinally along midline. Each elytron with well-defined carinas, the number and detailed structure of which vary by species. Mesothoracic peritremes well-defined, containing mesothoracic spiracles and closing procoxal cavities behind. Mesosternum with a long, thin, acarinate process extending to metasternum between metacoxae. Mesosternum short, metasternum long. Legs shaped as in <u>Dorylocerus</u>; tarsal formula 4-5-5.

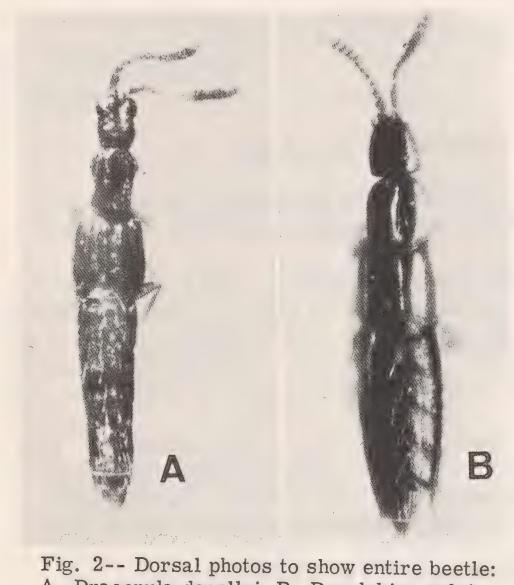
Abdominal segment I membranous. Segment II represented by the tergite only. Segments III-VII each with a tergite, sternite, and 2 pairs of paratergites. Inner paratergites of segment VII reduced to small sclerites near spiracle. Spiracles on abdominal segments not conspicuously enlarged. Segment VIII represented by a tergite and sternite only. Segment IX complex, shaped as in <u>Dorylocerus</u>. Tergal gland reservoir beneath tergite VI. Opening to the tergal gland on the anterior border of tergite VII. Sternites III-VII with raised, chitinous projections. Tergites with raised chitinous projections, the number variable by species. Spermatheca exceedingly small and transparent. Male genitalia unknown.

### KEY TO SPECIES OF DRACONULA

Lateral border of pronotum with 2 distinct indentations......<u>D</u>. <u>minuta</u> Lateral border of pronotum smooth and evenly indented toward the middle.... D. decellei

### Draconula decellei, n. sp. Figures 2A & 3A

Most closely related to <u>D</u>. <u>minuta</u> from which it is distinguished by the shape of the pronotum, which is acarinate and bears a lesser number of projections; the lesser number of carinas on the elytra; and the sculpturing of the abdominal tergites.



Yellowish-brown throughout; head and pronotum a little darker; elytra much darker. Ground sculpture of head, pronotum, and elytra shagreened. Head with 14 large tubercles arranged in 4 rows, 2 dorsal and 2 lateral, the dorsal rows of five tubercles each leading anteriorly to a U-shaped upraised carina at anterior margin of head with a finely serrate edge. Anterior-most tubercles with two short chaetae, the area between the bases of the chaetae slightly depressed. All other tubercles with one chaeta. Lateral rows with two tubercles each, each tubercle with one chaeta. Pronotum acarinate; with one lateral chitinous projection on each side in the anterior portion, each followed by a row of 4 chaetae. Elytra with well-defined lateral

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A, Draconula decellei; B, Dorylobius sulcicollis Raffray.

and medial carinas with deeply depressed areas between them. Sculpture and facies as in Fig. 2A; abdominal tergites II-VIII as in Fig. 3A; with projections from posterior borders and macrochaetotaxy as shown and with raised areas. In addition, the dorsal edges of sternites III-VII are raised, forming lateral carinas which have their highest point anteriorly and taper down posteriorly;

sternites II-VI also have projections each bearing 2 chaetae, as shown in Fig. 3A. Genitalia unknown.

Measurements--Head length, 0.30; head width, 0.20; pronotum length, 0.38; elytra length, 0.27. Number measured, 1.

Holotype--1¢ No. 13630, Zaire Republic, Yangambi, nr. Stanleyville, 16. XI. 1955, Coll. J. Décelle, with <u>Dorylus (Anomma) kohli</u> Wasmann. In the collection of the Musée Royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren.

Genus Dorylocerus Wasmann (Reconstituted)

Dorylocerus Wasmann 1904: 627; Seevers 1965: 298; Kistner 1968: 275 Dorylopora Wasmann 1904: 628; Wasmann 1915: 203, (revision and key); Fenyes 1920: 334; Seevers 1965: 298-9 (listing plus a catalog of species); Kistner 1966: 342 (revision); Kistner 1968: 275 (key to genera); 279 (new records). New Synonymy.

Dorylocosta Cameron 1930: 416 (proposed as a subgenus); Kistner 1966: 342 (synonymy to Dorylopora).

The key given on p. (43) will serve to distinguish this genus from all others. The description as given by Kistner (1966) for <u>Dorylopora</u> still holds except that the pronotum shape is still more variable as the genus now includes 2 species with campanulate pronota.

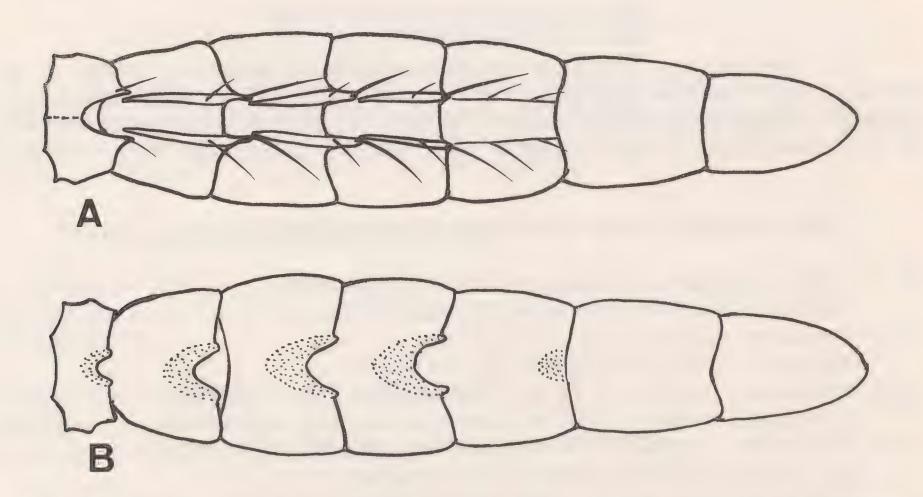


Fig. 3--Abdominal tergites II-VIII: A, Draconula decellei; B, Dorylocerus carinata.

# KEY TO THE SPECIES GROUPS OF DORYLOCERUS

	kohli group
	Lateral border of pronotum with shallow indentation as the overall shape
	pronotum is campanulate fossulatus group
3 (1)	Posterior borders of some abdominal tergites notched or indented, but
	with no projections
	Posterior borders of some abdominal tergites notched, indented, and
	with raised projections excisicollis group
4 (3)	Lateral borders of pronotum indented
	Lateral borders of pronotum smooth costata group

# Dorylocerus kohli group

Species of this group can be separated from each other reliably only by the shape of the spermathecae. Since this shape was not used for the numerical analysis, 4 of the species had perfect correlations (see Fig. 1). Four species belong to this group: <u>D. afer, D. kohli, D. morio</u>, and <u>D. nigra</u>. We have no new records of these species.

# Dorylocerus fossulatus group

This species group has but 1 species, Dorylocerus fossulatus, which is still known only from the type specimen.

# Dorylocerus excisicollis group

This species group contains the species included in the key below. It was formerly split into the <u>abdominalis</u> group, the <u>excisicollis</u> group, and the <u>al-</u> <u>zadae</u> group but the way they cluster out (Fig. 1) indicates that these should all be in 1 group if the group is going to be equivalent to the other species groups.

# KEY TO SPECIES OF THE DORYLOCERUS EXISICOLLIS GROUP

1	Lateral borders of pronotum smooth, not notched
	Lateral borders of pronotum notched or indented
2 (1)	Pronotum elongate and campanulate
	Pronotum evenly rounded at lateral border
3 (2)	Abdominal tergites II-VI with indentations and projectionsabdominalis
	Abdominal tergites II-IV with indentations and projectionscarlislei
4 (1)	Abdominal tergites II-IV with notches; tergites II-III with projections al-
	so; tergite V without notches or projections
	Abdominal tergites II-V with notches and projections
5 (4)	
	Abdominal tergite IV with a feeble notch but no posterior projections
6 (4)	Raised portions of tergites III-VI all completely separatedalzadae
	Raised portions of tergites IV and V not separated distinctly into 2 rows
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7 (6)	Raised areas of tergite II joining anteriorlykalongeana
	Raised areas of tergite II not joining anteriorlyminor

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We have new records for 1 of the species and 1 new species:

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# Dorylocerus carinata, new species Figure 3B

Distinguished from all other species, including <u>D</u>. <u>abdominalis</u> to which it is most closely related, by the shape of the pronotum and the sculpture of the abdominal tergites.

Reddish brown throughout. Ground sculpture of the head, pronotum, and elytra punctate. Head with a median longitudinal and 2 lateral furrows which are delineated by well-defined carinas which are smooth; anterior border of the vertex delineated by a toothed carina. Pronotum somewhat campanulate, with a median and 2 lateral furrows, all delineated by carinas. Lateral borders of the pronotum smooth, not notched. Elytra with raised carinas at lateral and median borders and depressed areas between them. Sculpture and facies similar to that of <u>D. carlislei</u>. Abdominal tergites II-VIII as shown in Fig. 3B, tergites III-V with medial notches surrounded by posterior projections from the posterior border, also with raised portions on tergites II-VI as shown by stippling in the figure.

Measurements--Pronotum length, 0.360; elytra length, 0.355. Number measured, 1.

<u>Holotype</u>--Male, No. 14535, Zambia, Mbala, 20. V. 1970, in an emigration column of <u>Dorylus</u> (Anomma) wilverthi Emery, Nest No. 169, Coll. J. R. Clover, D. H., A. C., A. H. and K. M. C. Kistner. In the collection of Kistner.

# Dorylocerus minor (Eichelbaum)

<u>New Records</u>: 6, Rhodesia, Mt. Selinda, 14-15.IV.1970, from the central parts and ends of raiding columns of <u>Dorylus (Anomma) nigricans</u> ssp. <u>burmeisteri var. molestus (Gerst) Mayr.</u>, nest #166 and 168, Coll. J. R. Clover, D. H. and A. C. Kistner, and R. Boulton.

# Dorylocerus congolensis group

While the width of the pronotal furrow is wider in <u>D</u>. <u>ivoiriensis</u> than in <u>D</u>. <u>congolensis</u>, the species are reliably separated only by the shapes of the spermathecae.

We have a new record of the following:

Dorylocerus congolensis (Kistner)

<u>New Record</u>: 1, Uganda, 30 mi ex Hoima-Ft. Portal, 5 July 1970, from the central part of a raiding column of <u>D</u>. (<u>A</u>.) <u>nigricans</u> ssp. <u>burmeisteri</u> var. <u>rubellus</u> (Santschi), nest no. 185, Coll. D. H., A. C., A. H., and K. M. C. Kistner.

Dorylocerus costata group

- 1. Abdominal tergites II and III only with notches.....<u>D</u>. pseudocostata Abdominal tergites II, III, and IV with notches......2
- 2. Head with only a median groove.....<u>D</u>. <u>costata</u> Head with a median groove defined by raised carinas.....<u>D</u>. <u>fletcheri</u>

### Dorylocerus costata (Wasmann)

Additional bibliography: Dorylopora costata, Levasseur 1968: 57 (Central African Republic, La Moboke).

<u>New Records</u>: 4, Uganda, 30 mi ex Hoima - Ft. Portal, 5 July 1970, from the central part of a raiding column of <u>D</u>. (A.) <u>nigricans</u> ssp. <u>burmeisteri</u> var. <u>rubellus</u> (Santschi), nest no. 185, Coll. D. H., A. C., A. H., and K. M. C. Kistner; 4, Kenya, Masai Mara Game Reserve, at Keekorok, 26 June, 1970, from the central part of a raiding column of <u>D</u>. (A.) <u>nigricans</u> ssp. <u>burmeisteri</u> var. <u>molestus</u> (Gerst.) Mayr, nest no. 184, Coll. D. H., A. C., A. H., and K. M. C. Kistner; 2, Zambia, Mbala (Abercorn), 18-19 May 1970, ex emigration column of <u>D</u>. (A.) wilverthi Em., nest no. 169, Coll.. J. R. Clover, D. H., A. C., A. H., and K. M. C. Kistner.

### Dorylocerus fletcheri (Kistner)

<u>New Records</u>: 6, Rhodesia, Mt. Selinda, 15 April 1970, from the central parts and end of a raiding column of <u>D.</u> (<u>A.</u>) <u>nigricans</u> ssp. <u>burmeisteri</u> var. <u>molestus</u> (Gerst.) Mayr, Nest No. 168, Coll. J. R. Clover, D. H. and A. C. Kistner and R. Boulton.

#### Rodylopora attenuata Kistner

New Record: 1, Uganda, Kisubi forest near Entebbe, 14 July 1970, from the central part of a raiding column of <u>D</u>. (A.) wilverthi Emery, Nest No. 186 Coll. D. H., A. C., A. H. and K. M. C. Kistner.

#### BIOLOGY OF THE COMPLEX

Food habits: Observations were presented by Kistner (1966) that showed that Dorylocerus were scavengers since they were seen picking up small bits of dropped booty on the ant columns and they were also seen inside the skeletons of dead driver ants in the debris piles. Examination of sectioned specimens of D. costata, D. nigra, and D. minor has revealed that the gut is full of particulate food whereas the crops of integrated myrmecophiles such as Typhloponemys sp. and Dorylomimus kohli contain no evidence of particulate food but have special adaptations for the absorption of liquid food that is fed to them by the ants. Social biology: Kistner (1966) showed that most species of Dorylocerus are not well integrated into the ant society. Those species that are better integrated exhibit more ridges on their bodies than those which are not integrated. We have recently completed a gland survey of D. costata, D. nigra, and D. minor which revealed a general lack of glands throughout the body. Small maxillary glands were present and small gland cells were associated with a small reservoir of the tergal defense gland under abdominal tergites VI and VII. Even hypodermal gland cells of type 1 (lubricating) and type 2 (exudatory) (see Kistner and Pasteels 1969) are scarse in species of the Dorylocerus complex. Since many type 2 cells and specialized glands are normally present in integrated termitophiles (Pasteels 1968) and myrmecophiles (Hölldobler 1970), the absence of large glands or clusters of gland cells supports the idea that they are not well integrated into the society.

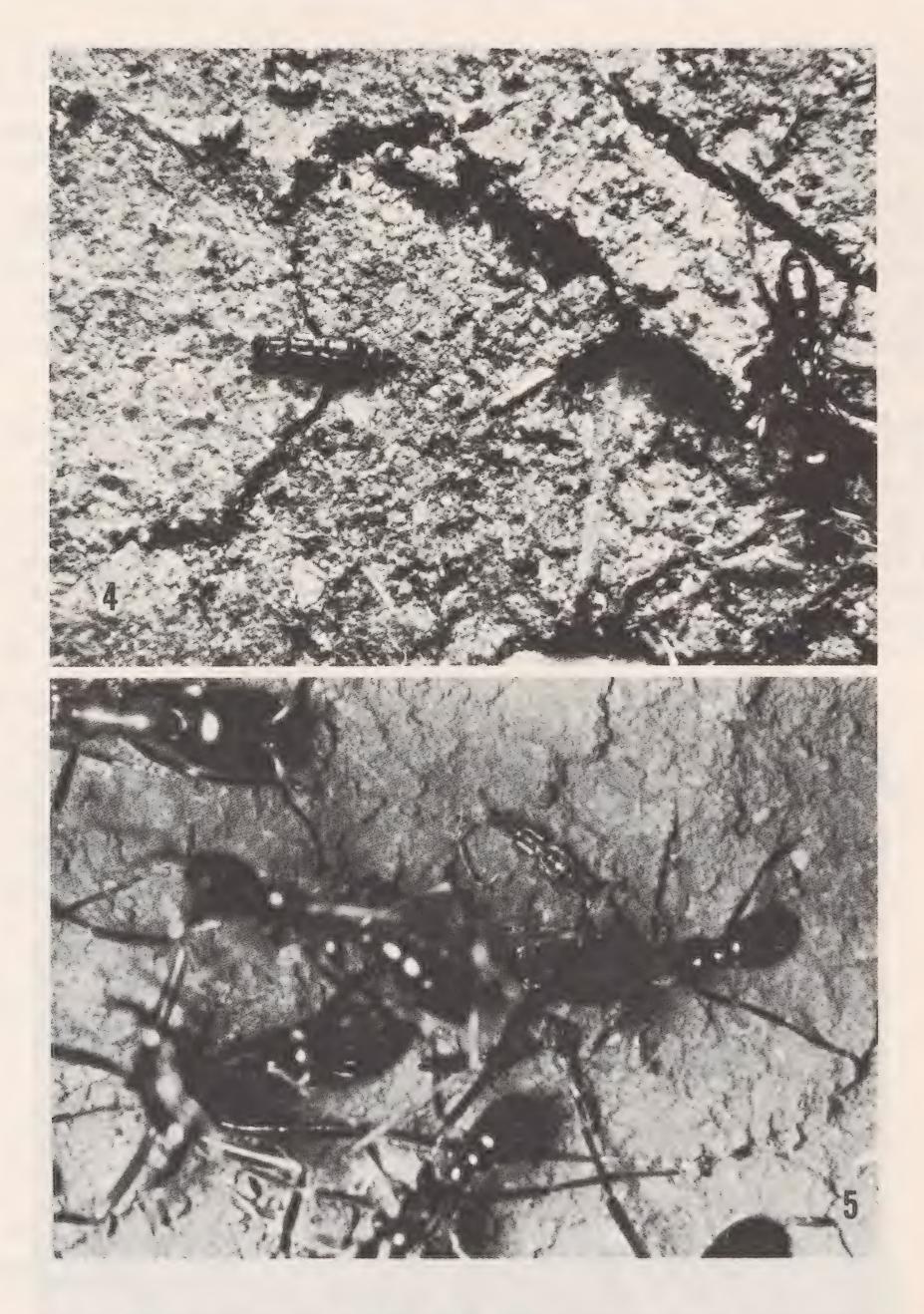


Fig. 4-5--4, <u>Dorylocerus alzadae in a Driver ant column with the activity on an extremely low ebb.</u> 5, <u>D. alzadae in a column where the ant activity is more rapid</u>. In this instance, the myrmecophile is avoiding the sentinnel workers. Both photographed in the field at Karen, Kenya in the columns of <u>D.</u> (<u>A.</u>) <u>nigricans ssp. burmeisteri var. molestus</u> (Gerst.) Mayr.

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All of the species observed are adapted to the ant colony in that they follow the trails and adapt to the ants by avoiding areas of intense ant activity. When they travel in highly active parts of the trail, they make their way through the small pieces of dirt which the ants spread along their trails. Photographs of their positions in the columns can be seen in Fig. 4, and 5. Fig. 6 shows how they follow the trail at the end of raiding or emigration after most ants have already passed. The presence of the species of <u>Dorylocerus</u> in both raiding and emigration columns indicates that they follow emigrations from 1 nest to another. They would fit the behavioral criteria of generalized species as developed by Akre and Rettenmeyer (1966) for the guests of New World army ants. Their behavior fits all of their criteria except item 9 (attack adult ants but usually kill only injured or weak workers). They also do not flex their abdomens.

Evolution: The phenogram of the species of the <u>Dorylocerus</u> complex (Fig. 1) gives what we consider to be the most probable evolutionary sequence of the group with the most primitive species at the top of the diagram. The evolutionary trend is to increase the length of 1 or 2 pairs of carinas which run from the head posteriorly over the pronotum and elytra and continue on towards the tip of the abdomen. These ridges on the abdomen arise in 1 of 2 ways. Either they start out as a single, medial upraised area which later splits into 2 upraised lines as in <u>Dorylocerus</u> or they begin as 2 rows of macrochaetae which enlarge, become more heavily sclerotized and eventually become 2 ridges as in Rodylopora and Draconula. Both processes seem to be



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Fig. 6--After the end of raiding, numerous myrmecophiles of the tribe Deremini follow the scent trail back to the nest. Photographed in the Ivory Coast at Adiopodoumé in a trail of D. (A.) nigricans ssp. arcens (Emery) operating in Fossulopora. The separation of the carinas is accentuated by the medial indentations which are the precursors of notches, and the projections from the posterior borders of the tergites, like the macrochaetae, serve to functionally extend the carinas from one segment to the next.

Kistner's (1966) integration data supports this view. Those species which come closest to having 2 ridges running the length of the dorsal side of the body generally are the most highly integrated. While the presence of black macrochaetae may be characteristic of the nonintegrated forms of Deremini, the development of macrochaetae may be 1 of the first steps in the evolution of carinas which results in better integration and a less hostile or possibly better protected relationship with the doryline host.

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